

Produce Away From Plant Less Affected

Commenting on fluorides affecting vegetation, Dr. Joe C. Elliott of the University of Montana, said obviously more fluorides occur in vegetation closer to the source.

He is an associate of Dr. Clarence Gordon, professor of botany at the University of Montana, and is sampling and studying vegetation. Tests are made at the University of Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation.

Dr. Elliott feels that lettuce grown in Columbia Falls should not be eaten. However further from the plant there is less fluoride.

Cabbage ordinarily picks up

less fluoride than lettuce, and boiling further reduces the problem. Good washing of lettuce will also remove some of the element.

The Hungry Horse News editor mentioned to Dr. Elliott that lettuce grown near Columbia Falls may be more safe than DDT doused produce from elsewhere.

Dr. Elliott mentioned again that fluorides don't affect radishes, carrots, potatoes or other root crops, nor does it make fruit less acceptable. Only leaf crops are affected.

Fluorides kill trees with damage most evident in Ponderosa pine with Douglas fir next.